

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph on lines 14-24 of page 23 as follows:

Bi --PSORT program (version 6.4 <http://psort.nibb.ac.jp:8800/>) was used to predict the subcellular localization of the EMF1 protein. There are two types of nuclear localization signals, both were found in the *EMF1* gene. The first type, consisted of three 4 residue patterns composed of basic amino acids (K or R), or three basic amino acids (K or R) and H or P, was found at three positions within the EMF1 protein, i.e., position 231, 347, and 905. The second type of nuclear targeting signal (Robbins *et al.*, Cell, 64:615(1991)), composed of 2 basic residues, 10 residue spacer, and another basic region consisting of at least 3 basic residues out of 5 residues, was found at four different positions, i.e., 78, 106, 217, 905, of the EMF1 protein. Furthermore ~~Futhermore~~, the basic residues (K and R) represent 18 % of the weight of the protein. This evidence indicates that EMF1 protein is localized in the nucleus.--